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11. (S) Poloff delivered reftel demarche and nonpaper notifying China of Malaysian-based Iranian front company Electronic Component Limited's (ECL) efforts to buy controlled gyroscopes from the Beijing-based Vibtel Industrial Co. Inc to MFA Arms Control and Disarmament Department Chemical and Biological Division Officer Zhao Kun on December 28. Zhao responded that it would be easier to investigate this case if Washington provided additional information on ECL's relationship with Iranian firms. Zhao said China would "look into this case" and would share the results "in the proper time," but emphasized that clarification on ECL's ties to Iranian firms would be helpful. Poloff agreed to convey Beijing's concerns to Washington.

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